## Washington Traffic Safety Commission Speeding Pilot Project "Slow Down or Pay Up"

One of Governor Christine Gregoire's priorities is to reduce the number of speeding related collisions in Washington State. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and the Washington State Patrol were tasked with reducing those numbers.

With that in mind, several months ago WTSC formed a committee to analyze WSDOT data that identifies those areas in the state where additional enforcement and education might seriously reduce the number of speed related collisions. Both Pierce and Snohomish Counties were identified as areas with a high number of collisions, dedicated law enforcement, and excellent data collection.

The area of Pierce County targeted for enforcement is the rectangle bordered by SR 512, SR 161, 176<sup>th</sup> Street, and SR 7. Streets within that rectangle may also be used for enforcement. All of these roads have a significant number of speed related crashes.

Snohomish County will have enforcement in three areas of the county. The South Area will encompass 180<sup>th</sup> Street SE from SR 527 to SR 9; SR 9 from 180<sup>th</sup> Street SE to SR 524/Maltby Road; SR 524/Maltby Road from SR 9 to SR 527; and SR 527/Bothell-Everett Hwy. from SR 524 to 180<sup>th</sup> Street SE. In addition, there will be enforcement on part of I-405 from SR 527 to I-5.

The North Area will include SR 531 from 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to SR 9; SR 9 from SR 531 to SR 528; SR 528 from 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to SR 9; and 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from SR 531 to SR 528.

The East Area contains SR 92 from SR 9 to Machias Road; Machias Road from SR 92 to SR 2; SR 2 from Machias Road to 92<sup>nd</sup> Street SE; 92<sup>nd</sup> Street SE from Ludwig Road to SR 2; Ludwig Road from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Bickford Avenue; Bickford Avenue from Ludwig Road to SR 2; SR 2 from Bickford Avenue to SR 204; SR 204 from SR 2 to Lundeen Parkway; Lundeen Parkway from SR 204 to SR 9; and SR 9 from Lundeen Parkway to SR 92.

This pilot project combines media, road signs, billboards and overtime funding for participating law enforcement agencies. The enforcement plan was designed for and by Pierce and Snohomish County law enforcement. In general, emphasis patrols will be on the road in the months of October/November, January/February, April and July.

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